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- 1. BEFORE EMBARKING ON ARDUOUS PROCESS OF CONSTRUCTING NEW PARA, WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME OBSERVATIONS AND ASK A QUESTION.
- 2. LAST YEAR'S EMBASSY-SUBMITTED DRAFT PARA FOR ETHIOPIA DID NOT RESULT IN ANY WASHINGTON-APPROVED POLICY DOCUMENT. THIS WAS UNDERSTANABLE IN LIGHT OF CONTINUING INTERNAL CHANGES THAT WERE IN PROGRESS AT THAT TIME, WHICH PRODUCED UNCERTAINTIES AND UNDEFINED VARIABLES MAKING POLICY AND PROGRAM PLANNING VERY DIFFICULT.
- 3. THIS YEAR SITUATION HAS MANY OF THE SAME UNCERTAINTIES, CAUSING SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES IN CONSTRUCTING A PARA. WE ACKNOW-LEDGE DEPARTMENT'S NEED FOR POLICY ANALYSIS AND PLANNING INPUTS FROM EMBASSY; A LIMITED EFFORT WAS MADE IN THAT DIRECTION IN ADDIS TEL 5527 OF MAY 10.
- 4 DEPT WILL UNDERSTAND OUR DESIRE FOR CONFIRMATION THAT DESPITE OBVIOUS DIFFICULTIES, AND LIMITED USEFULNESS OF RESULT, A DRAFT PARA INPUT IN THE PRESCRIBED FORMAT IS EXPLICITLY DESIRED FROM AMBASSY ADDIS. HUMMEL

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